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Council of Mayors Executive Committee
Report to the Transportation Committee
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The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on February 9 where they approved advanced funding request for McHenry, Central and DuPage Council of Mayors. To date the Committee has approved \$21.8 million in advanced funding request in state fiscal year 2010. The Committee also approved the submittal of the Planning Liaison program's Unified Work Program proposal and Scope of Services. The Planning Liaison proposal reflects no increase over fiscal year 2010 levels.

There was a lively discussion on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act transportation projects noting strategies to ensure that all the funds are spent. The Committee also discussed the possibility of a second round of stimulus funds and the need to have projects ready to take advantage of the additional funds. IDOT staff informed the Committee that a list has been compiled of proposed projects for the second round of funding if the Jobs to Main Street bill is approved by the Senate. IDOT has asked for the input of the metropolitan planning organization on the projects IDOT has proposed for funding with ARRA 2. Subsequent to the meeting, lists of the proposed projects by Council were distributed to the Executive Committee members, county engineers and planning liaisons.

Staff informed the Committee that the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the Preferred Regional Scenario which describes key policy directions that the *GO TO 2040* plan will address. The staff recommendation for major transportation capital projects will be released at the March 5 Transportation Committee meeting. In March and April CMAP will be meeting with Councils to present the recommended major capital projects and will be soliciting feedback from members. Approval of the capital projects will be sought at the June CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meetings. The projects will have to be beneficial, support the preferred scenario and will have to be fiscally constrained (costs have to balance with expected revenues). October 2010 is when the comprehensive regional plan will go to the CMAP Board for approval, immediately after which the implementation phase will begin.

Staff gave an overview of the Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply/Demand Plan that was adopted by the Water Supply Planning group. Staff will be attending Council meetings to brief our partners on the implementation of the water planning strategies.

The next meeting Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6th.